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## NEWS RELEASE:

### **Military police play integral part in flood prevention**

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DAKOTA DUNES, S.D. – Soldiers from the 235th Military Police Company of the South Dakota Army National Guard continue to work around the clock in the ongoing flood prevention efforts here Friday, June 10, 2011.

Approximately 105 military police are on orders providing ground support for traffic and security operations while assisting the Union County Sheriff's Department where Soldier presence is needed.

“Our mission today is to provide traffic control points to help with the flow of traffic for the trucks who are continuously hauling dirt to finish the levee system,” said 1st Lt. Chase Larsen, operations officer in charge for the 235th. “We are also providing entry control points into Dakota Dunes and Riv-R-Land Estates.”

Large trucks hauling thousands of loads of dirt present a significant hazard to the MP's who are orchestrating the flow of traffic. Larson said with the use of highly reflective orange vests, the Soldiers have been able to remain visible in high traffic areas, keeping them free from injury.

“Safety is always our number one priority for our Soldiers and the local population,” Larsen said.

As levee construction operations slow down, Larsen said he anticipates that his team will begin to provide more roaming patrols in the area in conjunction with the Union County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dan Limoges, Union County sheriff, expressed his gratitude for the support the 235th has provided his department throughout the flood prevention response.

“Without the MP's of the National Guard, we would be lost and we would be in big trouble,” Limoges said. “They have really stepped up and made our jobs a lot easier.”

Larsen said the Soldiers of the 235th understand they are working for a greater cause.

“All of our Soldiers know that they are out here for a good reason and they know that we are helping the people of this area,” he said. “It’s nice to be called up to a mission where we can directly affect the lives of those people in the state where we call home, as well.”

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Spc. Travis Hindt of the 235th Military Police Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, Rapid City, directs traffic on Exit 4 near McCook Lake Thursday, June 9, 2011. Hindt and other MP's are working traffic control points and entry control points in conjunction with the Union County Sheriff's

Department during flood prevention operations. (SDNG Photo by Sgt. Charlie Jacobson)



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DAKOTA DUNES, S.D. - Pvt. Jordon Larson (near) and Spc. Eric Faber of the 235th Military Police Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, Rapid City, orchestrate traffic at a busy intersection near the main entrance to Dakota Dunes Thursday, June 9th, 2011. Soldiers are working traffic control

points and entry control points in conjunction with the Union County Sheriff's Department during flood prevention operations. (SDNG Photo by Sgt. Charlie Jacobson)



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DAKOTA DUNES, S.D. - Pfc. Ben Mitchell of the 235th Military Police Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, Rapid City, directs traffic on the newly constructed north levee Thursday, June 9th, 2011. MP's are working traffic control points and entry control points in conjunction with the Union County Sheriff's Department during flood

prevention operations. (SDNG Photo by Sgt. Charlie Jacobson)

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